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**DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION,
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-USER E-MAIL SYSTEM**" the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ as filed on **November 20, 2000** for Application No. **09/714,997**.

☐ as filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on _____, as Application No: _____, the United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

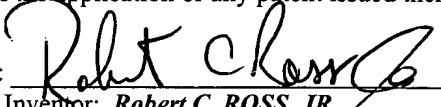
I claim the benefit under Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.78 (a)(3) of the United States provisional application(s) listed below insofar as the subject matter of claims of this application is disclosed in the prior United States provisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<i>Application(s)</i>		<i>Status</i>		
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